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AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY
LAOS/CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
14-32N 107-28E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-3638 FOR COMPARISON)

1. SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY AREAS ARE GENERALLY CHARACTERIZED BY DISPERSED BUILDINGS PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY. HIGH LEVELS OF TRACK ACTIVITY WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, ISOLATED PATCHES OF ROW CROPS NEAR OR WITHIN THE AREAS, INTERCONNECTING FOOT TRAILS BETWEEN THE AREAS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY, AND THE LACK OF NATIVE VILLAGES (RAZED AND ABANDONED) THAT PREVIOUSLY EXISTED IN THE AREAS. THE SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE LAOS/CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA IS FURTHER CHARACTERIZED BY THE LACK OF ANY DISCERNIBLE DEFENSES, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF THEIR LOCATION OR THE CONCEALMENT OF SUCH ACTIVITY BY HEAVY TREE CANOPY, AND THE INTERCONNECTING FOOT TRAILS BETWEEN THE AREAS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY AND BOTH LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM

2. [REDACTED] REVEALS AN AREA 3.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER CONTAINING AN ACTIVE NATIVE VILLAGE WITH WELL USED FOOT TRAILS RADIATING INTO THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE.

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[REDACTED], REVEALS THAT THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN RAZED; HOWEVER, THREE CLOSELY RELATED AREAS CONTAINING EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY AND AT LEAST FOUR BUILDINGS (PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY) AND WELL USED TRAILS CONNECTING THE AREAS ARE NOW OBSERVED.

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3. [REDACTED] REVEALS AN AREA OF SUSPECT
INSURGENT ACTIVITY 3.3 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.
TEN TO FIFTEEN POSSIBLE BUILDINGS PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY,
TRACK ACTIVITY, AND NUMEROUS TRAILS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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[REDACTED] REVEALS A MAJOR EXPANSION OF THE
AREA WITH EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY AND AT LEAST TWENTY BUILDINGS PARTIALLY
CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY.

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4. [REDACTED] REVEALS AN AREA OF SUSPECT
INSURGENT ACTIVITY 3.3 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.
AT LEAST TEN BUILDINGS AND EXTENSIVE TRAIL ACTIVITY ARE OBSERVED. PHOTO-
GRAPHY OF [REDACTED], REVEALS THIS AREA TO BE
COMPLETELY UNDEVELOPED.

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5. [REDACTED] REVEALS A LARGE AREA OF SUSPECT
INSURGENT ACTIVITY 1.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.
THE AREA CONTAINS SEVEN BUILDINGS PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY.
EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY, ISOLATED PATCHES OF ROW CROPS, AND TRAIL
ACTIVITY TO AND WITHIN THE AREA ARE ALSO OBSERVED. PHOTOGRAPHY OF

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[REDACTED] REVEALS ONLY ISOLATED WOOD CUTTING
OPERATIONS WITHIN THE AREA.

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